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1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Soiseth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.  
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Bill DeHart, Amy Bublak, and Mayor Gary Soiseth.  
ABSENT: Councilmember Jacob.  
  
**B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
  
  2. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & APPOINTMENTS:**
    - A. Recognition: Employee of the Month, March 2018 - Executive Administrative Assistant Public Safety Mary Sousa  
  
Mayor Soiseth issued a Certificate of Recognition to Executive Administrative Assistant Public Safety Mary Sousa as the Employee of the Month award winner for March 2018.
  
    - B. Proclamation: Water Awareness Month, May 2018 and Drinking Water Week, May 6-12, 2018, accepted by Municipal Services Director Michael Cooke  
  
Mayor Soiseth issued a Proclamation to Municipal Services Director Michael Cooke in recognition of Water Awareness Month and Drinking Water Week.
  
  3. **A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None  
  
**B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
  
Brad Bates spoke regarding a Facebook page titled Turlock First, his opinion of the remote participation (teleconference) process, his ongoing concerns regarding the employment status of the previous City Attorney and duplication of legal services/payments for two Attorneys, inquired about the hiring process of the City Attorney position, expressed thanks to Attorney Sanchez for his efforts regarding campaign finance reform, and stated he has set his own standards and is following all applicable California laws for his campaign.  
  
Mayor Soiseth provided brief comment in response to the public comment.  
  
Adam Neep spoke regarding his time as an officer, crime rates not going down, lenient California laws placing strain on officers, an incident that occurred his last night on patrol of which all units responded and the rest of the City was left open, officers looking at other cities that pay more, the stressors City Council is placing on officers by not giving them a fair contract, and encouraged Council to take his words to heart, pay officers, and look at negotiations long term.  
  
Charlie Leffingwell spoke regarding water softener permit fees, permit fees costing the same amount to install a water softener, his concern that the cost is going to cause people to not obtain permits, his conversations with the Chief Building Official, Development Services Director, the Interim City Manager, and Councilmember Bublak regarding this matter and not getting any resolution, and requested Council to lower the cost of the permit so more permits are obtained, installs are done correctly, and the water is safer. Mr. Leffingwell also requested the Council to

eliminate the permitting requirements for retrofit windows as Turlock is the only City requiring this type of permit.

Council and staff provided brief comment in response to the public comment.

Milt Trieweiler spoke regarding rainfall statistics, the drought and importance of saving water, groundwater supply, requested new water conservation signs be made, and provided positive comments about the new utility bill format that includes water consumption data.

Molly Amant spoke regarding grant funding availability for community events and requested the Council to not only fund the top ten events, but to consider funding all of the events by giving less money to each of the events.

Mayor Soiseth provided brief comment in response to the public comment.

Terri Shaver spoke regarding her observations of great ideas being brought up at City Council meetings, but then those ideas not coming back as action items, it having been agreed that more revenue sources are needed, talks of a special meeting to discuss/identify possible sources of additional revenue, and inquired if there is going to be a special meeting held to discuss additional sources of revenue.

Council provided brief comment in response to the public comment.

Paul Arai spoke about the adverse comments made by the TAPO Vice President being insulting and untrue, the many good officers in Turlock, social pressures and safety factors facing officers, police officers having a thankless job, thanked police for their service, and asked that we take care of our officers.

**4. A. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None**

**B. DISCLOSURE OF TOP TEN/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTORS**

**C. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None**

1. Public Hearing Item 7A is a quasi-judicial proceeding. Council should disclose the following information if applicable:
  - a. State for the public record the nature of the communication; and
  - b. With whom the ex parte communication was made; and
  - c. A brief statement as to the substance of the communication.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, adopting the consent calendar. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

- A. **Resolution No. 2018-086:** Accepting Weekly Demands of 3/22/18 in the amount of \$901,362.12
- B. **Motion:** Accepting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018
- C. **Motion:** Approving the Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement with NHC Holdings, LLC, conditioned upon construction of improvements for the Monte Verde subdivision (Development Project No. 14-21), developed by Florsheim Homes
- D. **Motion:** Accepting the improvements and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion for “The Classics” Subdivision, Project No. 16-78
- E. **Resolution No. 2018-087:** Rescinding Resolution No. 2017-306 and adopting amendments to the 2017-18 Municipal Budget, as specified in the resolution, to make the required appropriations in support of City Project No. 17-56 “Purchase of Five (5) Alternative Fuel Vehicles”
- F. **Resolution No. 2018-088:** Initiating Proceedings for the formation of the Parcel Map 18-01 “Nazmi” (Development Project No. 18-23) Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and the Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Area and directing the Senior Civil Engineer to act as the Engineer of Work and produce an Engineer’s Report which details the annual costs to the development
- G. **Resolution No. 2018-089:** Amending the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Municipal Budget and appropriating \$15,000 to account number 307-40-460.43756 “Fee Nexus Study” from Fund 307 “North East Turlock Master Plan” unallocated reserves for City Project No. 18-32 “NETMP Fee Nexus Study Update”
- H. **Resolution No. 2018-090:** Adopting a revised Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for the City of Turlock’s transit services, in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations, to reflect a change in the DBE Liaison Officer
- I.
  1. **Resolution No. 2018-091:** Determining the closure of South Broadway, between “A” Street and Market Street, for an event in association with Public Works Week 2018 hosted by the City of Turlock, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines
  2. **Resolution No. 2018-092:** Approving a Special Event Permit Application for an event in association with Public Works Week 2018 hosted by the City of Turlock, authorizing the associated closure of South Broadway, between “A” Street and Market Street for pedestrian safety, on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and authorizing the City Manager to apply appropriate conditions and restrictions on the street closure
- J.
  1. **Resolution No. 2018-093:** Approving the purchase of a new Caterpillar Model DP55N1 12,000 lb. Capacity Tier 4 Final Compliant Diesel Pneumatic Tire Lift Truck from Holt of California, in an amount not to exceed \$66,507, for the Municipal Services Department (Fleet Maintenance Division) without compliance to the formal bid procedure pursuant to Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(5)

- 2. **Resolution No. 2018-094**: Appropriating \$42,226 to account number 506-00-000-223.51020 "Equipment Replacement" funded by transfers from the Fund 506 "Vehicle/Equipment Replacement" unallocated reserves for WQC, Parks, Rec & Public Facilities, Streets, Storm, and Landscape Assessments for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Model DP55N1 12,000 lb. capacity Tier 4 Final Compliant Diesel Pneumatic Tire Lift Truck for the Municipal Services Department from Holt of California
- K. **Motion**: Approving an Agreement between the City of Turlock and Linko Technology Inc. for the LinkoFOG and POM Portal software for pretreatment/FOG/Hauled waste programs, in an annual amount not to exceed \$5,345
- L. **Motion**: Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Agreement between the City of Turlock and Websoft Developers, Inc. for a Mobile Work Order Management Software System to modify the scope of work to include additional services for backflow and CCTV integration and increasing the total compensation by \$23,000
- M.
  - 1. **Motion**: Approving an Agreement between the City of Turlock and TMC Shooting Range Specialists to conduct lead remediation services and remove and replace plywood baffling for the Police Firearms range
  - 2. **Resolution No. 2018-095**: Appropriating \$30,200 to account number 240-00-000.213.44030\_054 "Minor Equipment PSF Repairs & Improvements" from Fund 240 "Small Equipment Replacement-Police Services" unallocated reserves
- N. **Resolution No. 2018-096**: Rescinding Resolution No. 2017-018 and adopting the amended City of Turlock Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program Policy and Procedures
- O. **Motion**: Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Deanna Stroup

**6. FINAL READINGS: None**

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Fire Marshal presented the staff report on the request to receive, consider, and confirm the account, report, and assessment list together with the expense and administrative charges for abatement costs proposed to be assessed against the property located at 323 Columbia Street and establishing a lien for payment.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened the public hearing. No one spoke. Mayor Soiseth closed the public hearing.

**Action:** **Resolution No. 2018-097**: Receiving, considering, and confirming the account, report, and assessment list together with the expense and administrative charges for abatement costs proposed to be assessed against the property located at 323 Columbia Street and establishing a lien for payment as introduced by Councilmember Bublak, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

**8. SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- A. Administrative Services Director Kellie Jacobs-Hunter presented the staff report on the request to amend the City of Turlock Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 General Fund Budget, funding augmentation requests as approved by the City Council with General Fund unallocated reserves.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation

Robert Puffer inquired if anyone performed a breakdown on sales tax as related to the decrease in revenue and if an analysis was made to determine if it was a particular segment of business.

*Councilmember Esquer stepped down from the dais at approximately 7:58 p.m.*  
*Councilmember Esquer returned to the dais at approximately 8:00 p.m.*

Council and staff discussed augmentation requests related to Police Department personnel and various contractual obligations.

*Mayor Soiseth recessed the City Council meeting at 8:01 p.m.*  
*Mayor Soiseth reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:09 p.m.*

Mayor Soiseth stated Council is going to give staff additional time to review and bring back contractual obligations (items that are required) and at this time entertain a motion to adopt a status quo budget with the addition of augmentation requests to increase police staffing and related equipment.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:**            **Resolution No. 2018-098:** Amending the City of Turlock Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 General Fund Budget, funding augmentation requests as approved by the City Council with General Fund unallocated reserves as introduced by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, and carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	No	Absent	Yes

*Scheduled Matters Item 8F was taken out of order.*

- F. CSUS President Ellen Junn and Mayor Soiseth presented the staff report on the request to appropriate an additional \$17,500 to account number 120-10-120.47365 "Fireworks Event" from Fund 120 Tourism unallocated reserves to offset costs at the 2018 4th of July Fireworks Event held at California State University Stanislaus (CSUS), and authorize the City Manager to allocate co-sponsorship funds in the total amount of \$22,500 for the purchase of the fireworks OR direct staff not to increase the City of Turlock's co-sponsorship funding level of \$5,000 appropriated from Fund 120 Tourism unallocated reserves for the

2018 4th of July Fireworks Event held at California State University Stanislaus resulting in the cancellation of the event.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

Brad Bates spoke regarding the public not understanding how serious things are with the budget, his belief that the event should be canceled, and inquired about collateral costs and who is putting on this event.

Molly Amant inquired if the Chamber helps with the event and offered to coordinate bands and bounce houses that might donate time/services to the community for this event.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:**            **Resolution No. 2018-099**: Appropriating an additional \$17,500 to account number 120-10-120.47365 “Fireworks Event” from Fund 120 Tourism unallocated reserves to offset costs at the 2018 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Event held at California State University Stanislaus (CSUS), and authorizing the City Manager to allocate co-sponsorship funds in the total amount of \$22,500 for the purchase of the fireworks as introduced by Councilmember Bublak, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, and carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
No	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Upon approval of this item, Councilmember Bublak and Mayor Soiseth announced that they received notification of a \$5,000 donation for this event.

- B. Traffic Transportation Engineering Supervisor Wayne York presented the staff report on the request to approve the renaming of the Turlock Regional Transit Center at 1418 North Golden State Boulevard in Turlock, California, and establish the Roger K. Fall Transit Center, in recognition of the many years of honorable public service of former City employee Roger Fall and his many contributions to transit in the community AND authorize the City Engineer, or his designee, to direct for the necessary minor changes to the design and construction of City Project No. 12-60C, “Turlock Regional Transit Center, Phase 2” to implement the specified changes to the building name sign, dedication plaque, site monument signs, and related items contingent on maintaining satisfactory project progress and the availability of budgeted transit funds.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation. No one spoke. Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:**        **Resolution No. 2018-100:** Approving the renaming of the Turlock Regional Transit Center at 1418 North Golden State Boulevard in Turlock, California, and establishing the Roger K. Fall Transit Center, in recognition of the many years of honorable public service of former City employee Roger Fall and his many contributions to transit in the community as introduced by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Motion by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, Authorizing the City Engineer, or his designee, to direct for the necessary minor changes to the design and construction of City Project No. 12-60C, "Turlock Regional Transit Center, Phase 2" to implement the specified changes to the building name sign, dedication plaque, site monument signs, and related items contingent on maintaining satisfactory project progress and the availability of budgeted transit funds. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

- C. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Event Coordinator Amber Traini presented the staff report on the request to affirm or modify the Community Events and Activities Grant Funding as submitted by the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

Molly Amant spoke about the Festival of Lights not being funded last year and the difficult time they experienced obtaining sponsorships, a lot of these events being first time events, and the possibility of applicants being discouraged if they did not receive any award.

Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder spoke regarding this being a fairly new process, being open to making changes to the program, and the grant management process (workload) associated with awarding all applicants.

A member of the public spoke about the benefits of partnering with the City of Turlock on these types of events.

Council and staff discussed options of addressing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade & car show and the Festival of Lights event through a separate process/funding and awarding the other events based on how they were ranked and in accordance with the process.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:**        **Resolution No. 2018-101:** Modifying the Community Events and Activities Grant Funding as submitted by the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission as introduced by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Terri Shaver spoke regarding the upcoming Special City Council meeting to be held on May 4, 2018 and inquired if it would be helpful/useful to invite community leaders with financial experience.

- D. Chief Building Official Eric Picciano presented the staff report on the request to adopt a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2018-19 funded by SB 1 “The Road Repair and Accounting Act of 2017”.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

Robert Puffer inquired if the Wayside project will be a slurry seal or reconstruction.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:**        **Resolution No. 2018-102:** Adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2018-19 funded by SB 1 “The Road Repair and Accounting Act of 2017” as introduced by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

- E. Interim City Manager Robert A. Talloni Robert A. Talloni presented the staff report on the request to appropriate \$240,000 to account number 110-10-108.43009 “Interim City Attorney Services” from Fund 110 “General Fund” unallocated reserves for Interim City Attorney services.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

Brad Bates spoke regarding this being \$80,000 per month, inquired if this amount anticipates any litigation that might be coming forward, spoke about the previous City Attorney being out on leave and Meyers Nave being contacted to provide services and inquired if both were being compensated during that time, and spoke about how that money could have been used for police officers.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.



Interim City Attorney Jose M. Sanchez provided information regarding staffing levels within the Turlock City Attorney’s Office in comparison to cities up and down the state, the various types of services performed by his firm, and the specialists they have on staff.

Mayor Soiseth re-opened public participation.

Brad Bates inquired about who authorized legal services.

**Action:**            **Resolution No. 2018-103**: Appropriating \$240,000 to account number 110-10-108.43009 “Interim City Attorney Services” from Fund 110 “General Fund” unallocated reserves for Interim City Attorney services as introduced by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, and carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	No	Absent	Yes

**9. STAFF UPDATES**

1. Policy Goals and Implementation Plan (*Executive Staff*) – No update provided.
2. Administrative Services – No updated provided.
3. Development Services Department

Interim Development Services Director Eric Picciano provided an update on the bid opening for the West Main reconstruction (Measure L) project.

Council discussed this item.

4. Fire Department
  - a. Public Safety Briefing  
A written staff update was included in the agenda packet.
5. Municipal Services Department
  - a. Water Resources Update

Municipal Services Director Michael Cooke presented an update on the status of the water well system.

Milt Trieweiler spoke about this being a serious issue, needing potable water in Turlock, and global warming issues.

6. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities – No update provided.
7. Police Department
  - a. Public Safety Briefing (*Amirfar*)  
A written staff update was included in the agenda packet.

**10. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**11. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None

**12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Bublak spoke about an email that she and the Council received regarding Councilmember Esquer's request to get together/work together, feeling appalled by the option that the tax payers would pay for them to go to Monterey, this not being the intent of the Councilmembers request, and her hope that the Council would look at their travel expenses and that travel should be for employee training.

Councilmember Esquer spoke about receiving the same email about the League of Cities having a meeting in Monterey with topics that might help the Council, but this not being his suggestion, and having recently attended a League of California Cities meeting of which he personally paid to attend.

Mayor Soiseth spoke about the annual travel budget for Councilmembers, the idea that this would be another tool to increase communication with other professionals, this option not having to be exercised by the Council, and that he and Councilmember Esquer would continue discussions on how to meet.

Councilmember DeHart spoke about his recent attendance at the League of California Cities Community Services Policy Committee meeting and receiving the Homelessness Task Force Report.

Councilmember Esquer spoke about his recent attendance at Legislative Day in Sacramento with the League of California Cities of which topics included lack of affordable housing. Councilmember Esquer also noted that he would be working with Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development/Community Housing Maryn Pitt regarding opportunity zones within his district.

**13. CLOSED SESSION:**

*Interim City Attorney Jose M. Sanchez introduced the Closed Session Items.*

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators, Cal. Gov't Code §54957.6(a)  
*"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions with the local agency's designated representatives regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation."*

Agency Designated Representative: Interim City Manager Robert A. Talloni

Employee Organization: Turlock Associated Police Officers

Employee Organization: Turlock City Employee Association

Employee Organization: Turlock Firefighters Association-Local 2434

Employee Organization: Turlock Management Association-Public Safety

Unrepresented Employees: Administrative Analyst, Administrative Services Director, Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development/Community Housing, Chief Building Official, City Clerk, Community Housing Program Supervisor, Deputy Director Development Services/Planning,

Development Services Director, Development Services Supervisor/City Surveyor, Executive Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk, Executive Administrative Assistant/Municipal Services, Executive Administrative Assistant/Public Safety, Fire Chief, Human Resources Analyst, Sr., Human Resources Manager, Human Resources Technician, Legal Assistant, Municipal Services Director, Office Assistant I, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Manager, Payroll Coordinator, Police Chief, Principal Civil Engineer, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Traffic Transportation Engineering Supervisor, Utilities Manager, and Water Quality Control Division Manager.

- B. Public Employee Appointment, Cal. Gov't Code §54957(b)(1)  
*"Subject to paragraph (2), this chapter shall not be construed to prevent the legislative body of a local agency from holding closed sessions during a regular or special meeting to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against the employee by another person or employee unless the employee requests a public session."*  
Title: City Manager
- C. Conference with Labor Negotiators, Cal. Gov't Code §54957.6(a)  
*"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions with the local agency's designated representatives regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation."*  
Agency Negotiator: Interim City Attorney Jose M. Sanchez  
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

**14. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Bublak, to adjourn the open session of the regular meeting at 9:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Bublak, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, to adjourn the closed session of the regular meeting at 11:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Jennifer Land  
City Clerk